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SO THAT WE CAN LIVE

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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the second issue of Hit and Run.

As always all the information, news, communiqués, photos, etc. within this publication are compiled from publicly available sources — from newspapers and the internet. If you have an action you would like published, we would prefer if you please use one of the readily accessible websites for doing so such as indymedia.org.au or anarchistnews.org, we will probably locate it and it will allow a much larger audience to be able to read it. Of course, email us if you would like to bring something to our attention, but do so at your own risk!

We would like to see wider, more effective communication of the various actions that are occurring on this continent, but we have noticed that many interventions go undocumented or unclaimed. While actions may be "louder than words", if you intend to venture out for a wild night of praxis, please consider communicating your action, it will amplify its power a thousand times! And obviously be certain to practice appropriate security measures.

On a related note, the subject matter of photographs that accompany communiqués has been quite narrow. Pictures of banners on highway overpasses is getting a bit dull, how about thinking a bit more creatively about how to document your next action?

We also want to emphasize that this magazine is distributed on a strictly anti-commercial basis. If someone is trying to sell this, show them this paragraph, smash them in the face and steal it. We welcome financial aid in solidarity, but we give

this away, and encourage reproduction in order to destroy the psychology of capitalist exchange.

The four months since the first issue have seen a fair amount of activity, which we report within. There has been an international callout for a week of solidarity with Felicity Ryder, an anarchist from Australia — who after 10 months of a clandestine existence — remains free from capture; as well as a callout for a week of solidarity with Jock Paterson, an antifascist from Australia imprisoned in Bulgaria, who in January commenced a hunger strike in protest against prison conditions. Immigrants in prisons both off shore and on the mainland continue to demonstrate a level of militant struggle that calls attention to the torpid, docile passivity of activists on the outside.

We have nothing to look forward to except the poverty of the limitlessly limited choices offered to us by the spectacle, of the promise of a future with nothing more than even more work, more precariousness, more cops, more cameras, more prison cells, and more fear. There is nothing to lose, and no time to waste.

- Editors

NEWS & ACTION

DARWIN: POLICE ATTACKED BREAKING UP NYE PARTY

1.1.13

Police were attacked with rocks and bottles when they went to break up a riotous party on the outskirts of Darwin.

More than 30 officers spent several hours dispersing drunks. Senior Sergeant Bob Harrison said the confrontation tied up "valuable police resources".

About 60 of the 300 people at the party in Humpty Doo spilled out onto the road and began shooting fireworks at passing cars and into neighbouring properties.

The mob turned on police when they arrived. Snr Sgt Harrison said there was also brawls and glass-smashing.

The man behind the madness, a 20-year-old carpenter, said his mother was "livid".

"This is her place and she is ripping arseholes," he said. "She was at a friend's while we were partying." But he added: "It was a damn good night."

His mother disagreed – she came out as he was being interviewed and barked at him: "Do you think this is funny?"

He was disappointed only 300 people turned up – he had invited 1000 on Facebook. The party was staged at a house in Krichauff Rd, Humpty Doo.

Neighbours called police after yobbos began shooting fireworks into their property and at passing cars.

They said the "doof" music was deafening. Thirty police – four of them on horseback – were brought in.

Senior Sergeant Bob Harrison said up to 60 drunken men were in the road when officers arrived. "There was brawling and glass breaking," he said.

A 20-year-old man rode a pushbike off the roof of the house and landed in the swimming pool.

A 17-year-old youth needed his face stitched after a fight.

Mr Welch said he and his mates were renowned for throwing great parties – as he cleaned up masses of bottles and cans, strewn over the front yard of his mum's 2.2ha property in the scorching midday heat.

The theme of the bash was "white, tight and watergun".

A party-goer, 20, whose New Year resolution is to stop eating service station food, said the police made people "rowdy".

"It would have been fine if they didn't rock up," he said. "One cop grabbed a bottle of Jack's from my pocket and tipped it out."

"They brought in a drug dog. The mounted police started to muster us like cattle."

He admitted some of the drinkers were underage. There were no arrests.

Mr Welch said he had no regrets. "Apart from not having a DJ," he said. "I'll be holding my 21st in a few weeks – open house."

SYDNEY: POLICE STATION PETROL BOMBED, LASERS POINTED AT POLICE CHOPPER

1.1.13

On New Year's Eve in Dee Why, a petrol bomb was thrown outside the police station on St David Avenue, causing an explosion and a small fire at the back of a police vehicle.

Officers inside the station heard the explosion and extinguished the fire. No one was injured and no property was damaged. Police searched the surrounding streets with a sniffer dog but the offenders escaped.

In separate incidents at Woolloomooloo, two 22-year-old men were arrested for allegedly pointing a laser at a police helicopter. They were charged with threatening the safety of an aircraft and using a prohibited weapon.

BRISBANE: SOLIDARITY WITH SQUATS RAIDED IN ATHENS

12.1.13

2 banners placed at the Brisbane Anarchist Summer School, held from 12-13 January 2013.

As far away as Australia we look to the occupied social spaces such as Villa Amalias and Skaramagka in Greece as a source of inspiration in our struggle against the existent. With solidarity as our weapon we actively resist the isolation this society attempts to impose on us. You are not alone.

- Comrades from the other side of the world

PARIS, FRANCE: SOLIDARITY ACTION FOR THE MIGRANT'S STRUGGLE IN AUSTRALIA

13.1.13

On Sunday January 13th, a dozen people went to Quai Branly Museum, in Paris, where an Aboriginal art exhibition was taking place.

The text below was distributed there as a leaflet and a banner was put at the entrance, blockading the access to the Museum for some time. On the banner, it was written «L'Australie traque et enferme / Vive la révolte / à Nauru comme ailleurs», which means «Australia hunts down and incarcerates / Long live revolt / in Nauru and everywhere».

Besides, at the Museum's 6th floor, the entrance of «Les Ombres» restaurant (see text below) and the elevator leading to the restaurant were decayed by spurts of a fetid mixture (on the beautiful carpeting!) and a large collection of stinkbombs.

The idea was to express solidarity towards the revolt that exploded on September 30th in the Nauru detention centre. On January 14th, some of the migrants who rose up had to go on trial because of the repression of this revolt.

Australia, its beaches and its prison cells...

Australia is well-known for its surfers' beaches, its kangaroos and the Aboriginal folklore. We often forget that the Aboriginal people have been slaughtered by colonists/settlers and still suffer constant oppression, isolated in open-sky prisons called "reserves". What we forget too, is the hunting down and imprisonment imposed on migrants today.



In August 2012, the Australian government decided to re-open a detention centre for migrants in Nauru, a small island located at 2800 kilometres from the Australian coast, giving some money and waged work in the detention centre to Nauruans.

A local company CEO said "it's going to create jobs [...] When the centre was still active, Nauruans were employed as security agents, but also in kitchens. That allowed many Nauruans to learn a profession". Basically, to learn how to handle a truncheon and how to shut up... The Nauru centre is also co-managed by the Salvation Army, who collaborates in the incarceration using humanitarian pretexts, just another way to make money.

Since the centre has reopened, there have been numerous revolts, hunger strikes and demonstrations inside the detention centre, to demand freedom and to protest against particularly harsh conditions of life and unlimited time of incarceration. How is it possible to think about a jailbreak in a such a small island, where most of the inhabitants think they are profiting from the detention situation?

On 12th and 13th of October 2012, different demonstrations took place in Nauru and Christmas Island detention centres, against the length of waiting for asylum seekers' claims to be processed and against incarceration in the Pacific islands. Many solidarity actions happened, including a demonstration with 200 persons in front of another Australian detention centre a few days before.

On September 30th, 2012, in Nauru, several inmates destroyed tents, electrical material and a part of the kitchen. Following this riot, sixteen amongst them have been charged in November, accused for the destruction of \$24 000 material. On December 10th, 2012, they were on trial (except for two of them, already deported) for a second hearing. During the first one, they had refused to go out of the bus when they learnt they'd be defended by a lawyer they had never met. The next hearing will take place on January 14th, 2013... Until then, they're still incarcerated.

We want to express solidarity with these revolts, whether they happen here or there, because the incarceration of foreign people can't be separated from the world that generates it. The borders allow the efficiency of exploitation and many business companies make money from it - while the States pour out their racist and securitarian speeches. It makes sense, for us, to make all these facts visible, here at the Quai Branly Museum, in this colonialist graveyard where everyone comes to admire the remnants of looted and slaughtered populations, and where the Elior company makes money with Les

Ombres restaurant, as they make money working for French detention centres in Metz and Perpignan (where they serve food). Because in France as everywhere else, hunting down, sorting human beings, incarceration and deportation of migrants and other undesirables are all common practices for the State, and lots of companies make money from them.

Solidarity with the revolts against the borders and their prisons! Sabotage the mechanisms of incarceration and deportation! Freedom for everybody, with or without ID!

PERTH: RIOT IN JUVENILE DETENTION CENTRE

21.1.13

More than 70 juvenile detainees in Perth have been transferred to Hakea adult prison after a riot at the Banksia Hill Detention Centre overnight.

Corrective Services Commissioner, Ian Johnson, says the detainees armed themselves with makeshift weapons after three climbed onto the roof yesterday evening.

"Initially three detainees were not locked in their cells, it was at that time just prior to lockdown," he said. "They then got on the roof, that's then escalated and a number of detainees have obviously joined them and at one stage in the evening we about 60 detainees running amok in the centre."

"No staff were injured and no detainees were; the exception of some young fellow that got a gash to his leg and got stitched up and he's fine."

Mr Johnson says it took 60 police units four hours to get the situation under control.

"It's been a terrible night and they armed themselves up with weapons, makeshift weapons, whether it be rocks or it be glass and wrapping the glass within cloth so you've got some sort of weapon to be able to use," he said.

More than 100 police officers, the canine squad and the police helicopter were called in to deal with the riot.

Mr Johnson says there was a full complement of staff, 56, who were working at the centre when trouble broke out.

The Opposition Corrective Services spokesman Fran Logan says staff were under threat.

"My understanding is there were staff from Banksia Hill who barricaded themselves into a part of the prison in order to avoid being attacked," he said. "When you've got staff in a situation like that, they're clearly not in control of the prison."

There have been reports the inmates bashed their way out through windows in their cells but the Commissioner would not be drawn on whether

building security failed. Mr Johnson likened the riot to an out of control party.

"If you think about what typically happens each weekend here in Perth with the out-of-control parties and if you could just picture the fact that we have some 206 young people and some are young and some are young men who are obviously not well-behaved," he said.

"These things typically tend to be spontaneous until they gather momentum."

Mr Johnson says about 90 cells were damaged. "There's the issue of some cells being compromised," he said.

"First, and foremost for me, you've got people out on site assessing what damage has been done to cells so what can we use, what can't we use."

Mr Johnson says as a result some inmates had to be moved from the centre.

"We've since transferred 73 of the juveniles to Hakea Prison," he said.

"Now, obviously the concerns there would be that that's an adult prison but the 73 have been isolated away from adult prisoners."

The Prison Officers union's John Welch says moving the detainees to Hakea Prison creates more problems.

"It is an extremely difficult situation for the staff and management at Hakea now," he said.

"It's a very over-crowded prison and only last week there was a report by the office of the inspector of custodial services which made serious criticisms of the prison as a consequences of the

level of overcrowding and a lack of facility."

The Inspector of Custodial Services, Neil Morgan, says he has concerns about how the juveniles will be treated at the adult prison.

Mr Morgan says he will visit both Hakea and Banksia tomorrow to check on the inmates.

"Clearly, we need to understand how long they will be there, what sort of regime will be offered for them," he said.

"At the moment, within a prison, it's run by prison officers, not juvenile custodial officers."

"We need to know what education and opportunities are there for the children in the months to come."

Mr Morgan says the situation at Banksia Hill was at boiling point.

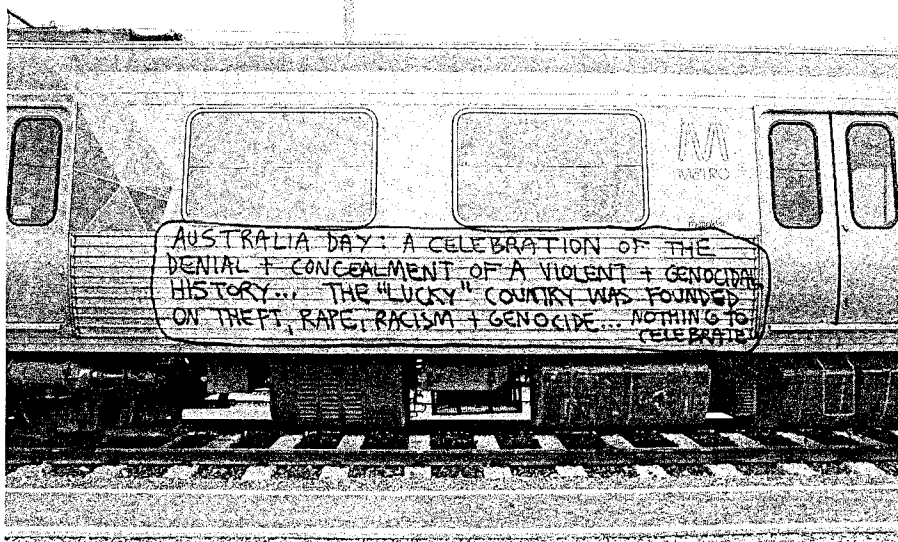
"I think it's fair to say that Banksia Hill was fragile before the amalgamation took place in October last year when they closed Rangeview remand centre and transferred the kids there over to Banksia," he said.

"What this instance highlights is a review of why Western Australia continues to imprison/incarcerate in unsuitable conditions without any proper programs or rehabilitation efforts, so many juveniles," he said.

Mr Johnson does not yet know how long the juveniles will be at Hakea.

He says there will be investigations into what sparked the incident.

"One thing I'm not into is the blame game, I mean there's going to be issues that I'll want to get





identified throughout this process with either our internal investigation, the police, or the inspector's investigation," he said.

"I want to find out what happened and why it happened but let me get back to the point; 60-plus people caused this damage, caused this incident.

"It wasn't caused by my staff, it wasn't caused by my infrastructure, it was caused by people doing what they did."

The department is still trying to work out how the

detainees were able to escape from their cells.

Banksia Hill is WA's only detention centre for male and female offenders aged 10 to 17 years old.

SYDNEY: SOLIDARITY WITH KOORI FIGHTERS

25.1.13

On the evening of the 25th of January 2013 a banner of solidarity was hung on the Sydney University fence. This was the evening before the day of celebration that takes part across Australia.

Yabun is a near by celebratory event of survival for Koori people. It is a patch in the geography of the larger space, a country that is dominated that day by celebrations that are void of the recognition of Koori struggle, the celebrated colonial nationalism or 'Aussi racist culture'.

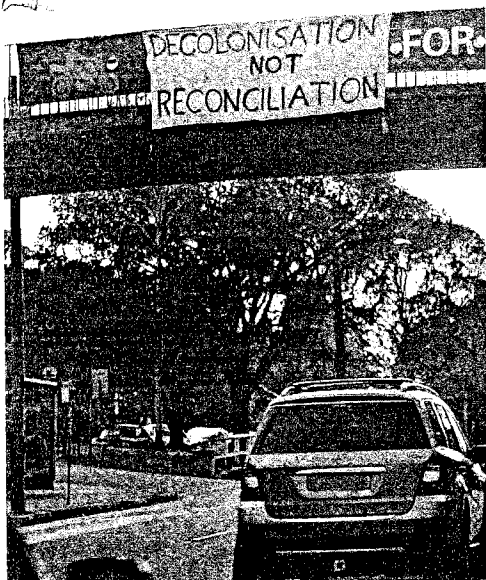
The demonstration that took place in '88 is remembered by the Yabun day of celebration, this was a demonstration responding to 200 years worth of genocide. A demonstration to insert the recognition of survival but also in response to colonial Australia's celebration of its self, and to ongoing genocide that functions both institutionally and is supported culturally, 'Aussi racist culture'.

In the past we have hung banners on this evening of the 25th in several locations around the city. These are just banners and some words and much, much more solidarity need be shown then this.

The banner this time read:
SOLIDARITY WITH KOORI FIGHTER'S STRUGGLES-
INSURRECTIONS PAST PRESENT AND FUTURE. (A)
(A) (A) (A) (A)

When there is struggle and fight, when things flare up we are attacking authority's main weakness – that it must continually assert its self and that it must remain in control. Here is where our strongest bond of solidarity is located – those (meaning non-Indigenous too) who do not wish to be living within this system of oppression and exploitation can flare up together, share solidarity in these moments and bring it also through out the other components of struggle.

This is why we talk to the intensified moments of



social unrest both past present and future, as these flares we see in distance still live in every present moment, as the past cannot simply be put in the past and as our time now and the rest of our life times cannot be left in the hands of our oppressors. The planning and the actions we take now determine what flare can be seen in times to come.

We know that potentials of our lives liberated/taken back can and have existed in all moments proceeding now and that the future and the present are yet unwritten.

MELBOURNE: CAPTAIN COOK'S COTTAGE TRASHED WITH PAINT FOR INVASION DAY

26.1.13

The monuments and museums that fill this dead city only enrage us.

They impose on public space the supplanting society's creation myth.

The creation myth of Australian society is that rather than looting, murdering, and displacing the original inhabitants, the Europeans were bringing a higher order of civilisation, economic organisation and religion to savage lands.

The denial of this brutal and revolting history is nowhere more evident than on the 25th of January, the celebration of Australia Day – the date of invasion.

This is why we trashed the absurd shrine to genocide, Captain Cook's Cottage, with paint.

The Australian state has constructed a deceitful myth of consensus. That we have all signed some

kind of social contract to be good Australian citizens. Well fuck that we don't want your bourgeois morality or your so called "civilisation".

We refuse to quietly submit and bow our heads to this commodified life of wage slavery.

We must act on our own behalf, directly and without mediation.

We must break with any group that seeks to limit the struggle, to negotiate, or to reconcile with the state or capital.

We must abandon the concept of appealing to the "justice" of the coloniser and instead embark on a direct path of destruction of the existing order and a concrete practice of solidarity.

**SOLIDARITY TO THE ORIGINAL PEOPLES OF THIS
LAND FIGHTING BACK FROM MUTITJULU, TO
REDFERN, FITZROY, PAUM ISLAND,
AND EVERYWHERE**

**DESTROY THE COLONIAL SYSTEM THAT
OPPRESSES US ALL**

SYDNEY: VANDALISM, BANNERS AGAINST INVASION DAY

26.1.13

In the early hours of January 26th we tipped a bucket of paint on a statue celebrating the First Fleet in Brighton Le Sands, Botany Bay.

We later threw numerous paint bombs at a massive statue of James Cook in Hyde Park, who according to the plaque on the monument "discovered





this territory in 1770".

We sprayed stencils reading: "FUCK AUSSIE PRIDE", "DESTROY COLONIAL AUSTRALIA" & "PROUDLY UNAUSTRAILIAN" throughout the city, Redfern, Newtown, Marrickville, Sydenham and at Bicentennial Park and Carss Park, where 'Australia Day' celebrations were to take place.

We paint bombed the Tempe office of the Australia First Party, a small fascist sect which has managed to get one racist elected to the Penrith council.

We dropped 7 banners across Sydney, five from walkway bridges and two from an empty warehouse on a busy intersection. They read:

ALWAYS WAS, ALWAYS WILL BE
ABORIGINAL LAND / DECOLONISATION NOT
RECONCILIATION / KILL THE COLONISER IN
YOUR HEAD / 225 YEARS OF OCCUPATION,
225 YEARS OF RESISTANCE / FROM PAPUA
TO PALESTINE, GADIGAL TO WALLMAPU,
SOLIDARITY WITH INDIGENOUS STRUGGLES,

and an Aboriginal Flag banner.

Around midday a few of us dropped a massive banner reading FUCK THE FIRST FLEET from a walkway above Circular Quay in Sydney Harbour, where thousands had gathered to watch city organised events, including a military aircraft show. A few hundred leaflets were thrown from the walkway which soon attracted a large police response.

Throughout the night we removed council banners promoting Australia Day events and set about capturing as many Australian flags as possible. Large and small flags were taken from park flagpoles, shopfronts, fences, yards, cars and later burnt.

We are completely opposed to nationalist celebration commemorating the date of invasion by the First Fleet. The fleet was comprised of eleven prison vessels, sent to establish a colony on the east coast to displace Britain's criminalised poor and rebellious. The colony introduced the paradigm of police, prisons and private property to a territory where land was communal, communities settled disputes and meted out punishment without recourse to incarceration or a specialised armed force constantly patrolling and surveilling everyone's behaviour.

This process of conquest and control has been consistently opposed and resisted by Aboriginal fighters, rebellious convicts, poor settlers and migrants. Despite constant claims to the contrary, struggle against this colonial state and its laws has not been defeated. From bushrangers to bank robbers resistance has continued through daily attacks against property by thousands of mostly young rebels.

Australian colonialism is not a thing of the past. It is continued and reproduced every day though government policies such as the NT intervention, the massive incarceration rate of indigenous youths and Australian military action in the South Pacific and Afghanistan. It is reproduced and legitimised through the daily activity of everyone on this territory who upholds property rights and recognise the government's claim to this territory.

Although nationalist and militarist holidays such as Australia, ANZAC and Remembrance Day are entirely symbolic, they are intended to foster a proud colonialist mentality and unity around the state. We encourage disruption and sabotage of any celebration of colonial history.

We extend a wave of solidarity to indigenous resistance struggles around the world. We wish strength to the Papua freedom fighters, resisting

Indonesian military occupation, Mapuche communities battling the Chilean state and landowners for control of their native lands, indigenous peoples in Bolivia fighting against a massive highway through their territory. Indigenous peoples in Brazil who've been resisting the Belo Monte Dam for decades, and the first nation peoples in Canada currently mobilising through the inspiring Idle No More campaign.

We are against any process of reconciliation between indigenous and non indigenous Australians until the structures of colonialism have been destroyed.

GEELONG: HUNDREDS OF RABBITS FREED

30.1.13

Hundreds of rabbits have been released from captivity at a property outside Geelong.

Police believe the offenders opened an unlocked shed which held about 1200 rabbits in cages on the Anakie property sometime between 6pm on January 10 and 6am on January 11. Several hundred of the animals were let loose from the Ballan Road business.

Police said many of the rabbits were not familiar with how to survive in the wild.

MELBOURNE: SOLIDARITY ACTION FOR EGYPTIAN ANARCHISTS

6.2.13

On the 6th of February in Melbourne, Australia, a small group of anarchists gathered outside the

Egyptian Consulate building on Market St, CBD in response to an international call-out for solidarity actions in support of Egyptian anarchists.

On the 25th of January during protests to commemorate the 2nd anniversary of the Egyptian Uprising and the protests that continued in the days that followed; Egyptian anarchists took to the streets in large numbers and for the first time formed Black Blocs in Cairo and other major cities actively confronting the security forces and physically protecting other protesters who were coming under heavy attack by security forces & plain-clothed pro-regime elements.

Using rocks and molotov cocktails they bravely resisted the brutality of the security forces, inspiring not only their fellow revolutionaries but also inspiring anarchists and insurrectionists throughout the entire world.

The Egyptian 'government' response? To declare the Black Bloc a 'terrorist' group and order the arrest of anybody suspected of being part of the Black Bloc. There have been 18 arrests that are known of so far.

Religious extremist elements within Egypt have also been calling for Black Bloc members to be executed, stating that there are provisions in the Koran for dealing with 'bandits'.

As a small act of solidarity with our anarchist comrades in Egypt, we gathered outside the Egyptian consulate with banners, black flags and music.

Even though this was a small, symbolic action





we still warranted the attention of both the Victorian Police as well as Australian Federal Police and Public Service Officers. There was also an undercover police element present and a clandestine police photographer was spotted in a building across the street, both being absurdly easy to spot.

Again, this was a small, symbolic action, put together at very short notice....and there is always a next time!!

- Some Anarchists From Melbourne

MELBOURNE: GRAFFITI CLEANED OFF CAPTAIN COOK'S COTTAGE, PRESS COVERAGE

6.2.13

Council workers hosed off graffiti from Captain Cook's cottage done as an anarchist attack for Invasion Day, which apparently caused thousands of dollars of damage.

Or, as one radio station put it: "An online anarchist group protesting white settlement has since taken responsibility for the attack."

According to ABC news: "It is the second such attack in little more than a week."

"Melbourne City Council revealed the cottage had been paint-bombed on January 28, with a subsequent graffiti attack on February 4 in which the words, 'Cappy Cook was a crook killer liar thief' (sic) were spray-painted across the brickwork."

NAURU: ESCAPE, HUNGER STRIKE

20.2.13

On Monday, three people escaped from the detention centre on Nauru. They were later found by police and returned to detention.

Refugee advocates say four detainees at the Nauru detention centre have resorted to stitching their lips together in protest. The Refugee Action Coalition says more than a dozen detainees have joined a hunger strike, with four asylum seekers stitching their lips together.

The escapees and those on hunger strike are from among the most recent group of arrivals on Nauru, from Iran.

Refugee Action Coalition spokesperson, Nick Reimer, says people are feeling increasingly desperate about their plight.

"They're protesting against their treatment... they're protesting against the fact they're on Nauru at all while other asylum seekers who arrived around the same time are free in the Australian community," he told Radio Australia.

"And the fact they're facing an indefinite amount of time on Nauru without any certainty about what their eventual fate will be."

SYDNEY: HOW TO HAVE FUN AT CORPORATISED O-WEEK

27.2.13

On Wednesday 27th February, some student dissidents and fellow rebels from Sydney University staged some O-Week counter-activities. O-Week,

which runs for three days in the week before semester begins, provides corporations and banks, major sponsors of the Sydney University "Union" who organize O-Week, the opportunity to present a friendly face to the student public at their stalls, offering games, prizes and giveaways.

In protest to this, we chalked anti-corporate slogans, and slogans drawing attention to the corporatization of education along Eastern Avenue.

We stole corporate and banking propaganda from stalls, which we destroyed, as well as show bags with noodles and stationery inside which we later redistributed to people in the community.

We also did leafleting and chalking in support of the upcoming GENERAL STRIKE at the university next week, on March 7.

Apart from banks and businesses, the Young Liberals (SULC - Sydney University Liberals Society) also had a tent where they proudly displayed a life-sized cardboard figure of John Howard, former Prime Minister who, amongst many disgusting acts, agreed to aid the US in their invasion of Iraq. To top the day off, we stole Johnny from them. One of us distracted the Libs, one of us cut the tie, and one grabbed the figure and ran. The Libs immediately set off after him. One of us tried to block the path of the head of the Young Libs, Alex Dore, and was swung at as he ran by. They were very determined and aggressive in their pursuit, and the student who took the figure had to forcefully defend himself when some of them caught up with him. In the end, rather than give him up, Johnny had to be decapitated

and the Liberals were left with the cardboard body of their former leader while we took his head. In the scuffle they threw us a few insults, 'Communist scum', 'Get a job'. The Young Libs' leader, Alex Dore (who ran for parliament last year) said to us, 'Where are you from? Cos you're a bunch of cunts. You know Abbot's going to win the next election!' Being insulted in this manner by these champagne-sipping toffs gave us a good laugh...

We hope that others that feel squeamish, overwhelmed, or impotent about the corporate spectacle of O-Week, as we did at the beginning of the day, will know that they are not alone, that some students, workers and people from our communities are willing to take action against the spread of the conservative market values and the shameless parading of a war criminal on our campus. Translating our frustration into action brought us joy and strength to continue challenging this imposed reality no matter how absolute it seems.

SYDNEY: ANARCHIST INTERVENTION IN THE SYDNEY UNI STRIKE

7.3.13

In the early hours of March 7 some anarchists broke into the abandoned St Michaels College building on City rd on the Sydney Uni campus. For three months in 2011 this large abandoned space, renamed the "Chapel of the Insurrection" was liberated from the Catholic Church, their bullshit morality and their vast landholdings. Inside dozens of comrades, students, street youth and wage slaves experimented with



new ways of living and found love, laughter and joy. Inside we built barricades and outside a large vegetable garden.

For some of us it was our first time inside, while for others it was a happy return. After exploring the building, retelling old stories and planning the day ahead, we dropped a massive banner off the roof which said: "WE ARE THE UNI WE CAN SHUT IT DOWN! STAFF AND STUDENT STRIKE".

A 12 hour strike had been called at Sydney Uni by the National Tertiary Education Union for Thursday March 7. It is the first strike at the Uni in over a decade and follows months of failed negotiations regarding the university's new Enterprise Bargaining Agreement, which proposes to cut staff wage and working conditions, sack leave entitlements, reduce job security and sideline the unions as bargaining agents for the staff.

The neoliberal assault is part of the federal Labor government's "education revolution", a project to explicitly corporatise education institutions by forcing them into ever more ferocious competition for research funding and student numbers. At universities around the country, academics and staff have been sacked, class sizes increased and working conditions undermined.

In the preceding days and weeks, anarchist students, staff and supporters heavily promoted the strike by plastering the uni campus and the surrounding areas in strike posters, stickers, chalk and graffiti slogans.

While the university attempted to counter the strike by calling on all students and staff to attend classes, some of us designed a poster that appeared to be an official University documents which declared the uni would be closed on March 7, and plastered it everywhere.

Starting at 7am, picket lines were set up at all seven entrances to the university with varying degrees of militancy. Pickets with a large number of union members were most eager to simply hand out leaflets and let students and scabs through, while pickets with more anarchists and militant unionists made it clear to everyone, particularly scabs that the uni was closed, and barricaded entrances with linked arms and large banners reading "STRIKE" "NO CLASS: CLASS WAR" and another reading "SPENCE: THE ONLY CUT WE NEED (featuring a caricature of Spence (the vice-chancellor) and two guillottes)".

Not content with merely picketing, some crews of anarchists roamed the uni, specifically targeting the libraries and lectures and managed to convince a number of students to leave the campus grounds

and join the pickets. Over a dozen lectures were disrupted and the scab lecturers abused and called out for being the rotten scabs they are. Stickers reading "I AM A SCAB" were stuck on the doors of various professors and academic staff that chose to cross picket lines. Metal fencing was dragged across campus from a nearby construction site and used to blockade the library entrances and two banners were hung from the Paramatta rd footbridge entrance reading: "STRIKE OCCUPY TAKE OVER" and "STAB A SCAB CUT THE COPS." In the afternoon, there was a march of 1000 staff and students through the university grounds chanting "one struggle, one fight, staff and students strike!" While various union bureaucrats and politicians made speeches, more militant strikers and supporters chanted "NO CLASS, CLASS WAR!"

Unsurprisingly there were union bureaucrats who angrily opposed the actions of militants and some collaborationist NTEU officials made vocal condemnations such as "You're ruining this for everyone." Some unionists even colluded with police to untie and remove the banner hung off the footbridge reading: "STAB A SCAB, CUT THE COPS."

Throughout the strike, the NTEU made clear its determination to block any political struggle against the Labor government and channel all anger into a campaign aimed purely at the preservation of the union's status as the facilitator of management dictates.

NTEU speakers made no mention of the Labor government's current assault on working conditions, carried out with the complicity of the Greens, and even invited Labor Senator Doug Cameron (a member of the very government implementing these attacks) and Greens' senator Lee Rhiannon to address the rally. Its decision to give them a platform is a signal to management that the union will continue to collaborate with cuts to the conditions of its members, providing its position is preserved.

Doug Cameron even declared that their "wages, conditions, and career prospects" were only "short term issues" and that the major question in the strike was management's "attack on trade unionism". He concluded his demagogic speech by imploring all staff to join the union.

The various Leninist sects which dominate the so-called "rank-and-file" Education Action Group at USyd, including Socialist Alternative, Socialist Alliance, and Solidarity, all lined up in support of the NTEU.

We actively participated in this strike not to merely support the demands of union bureaucrats

but for our collective liberation against the neoliberal policies imposed on our lives. We will not reduce our dreams to the parameters set by a unionist struggle for mere concessions; we will make no demands of Spence or his administration.

Demands are always too big or too small, too unrealistic or too rational, we have no interest in playing into their game of negotiations. We recognise this strike, like any strike as a potential moment of rupture with capitalist normality, a moment of class antagonism, where people faced with a picket line and forced to take a side.

Many of us study at this degree factory and we have no interest in taking classes from scabs, and will unapologetically call them out for what they are. Some of us had hope in the fledgling movement of students opposed to university cuts last year. There were a number of occupations which culminated in a 1500 strong demonstration of staff and students to the Chancellery, which resulted in a failed occupation, a confrontation with police, three arrests, and apparently one broken arm on the side of the pigs. While there was much passion and determination in this movement, energy soon petered out as holidays then exam time came, and the much discussed student strike never came to be.

We encourage strikes and pickets at every workplace, everyday. Whenever they occur we seek to strengthen them, not simply to increase the likelihood that union demands will be met, but to foster class antagonism and more militant responses to neoliberal assaults. An upcoming 48 hour strike at

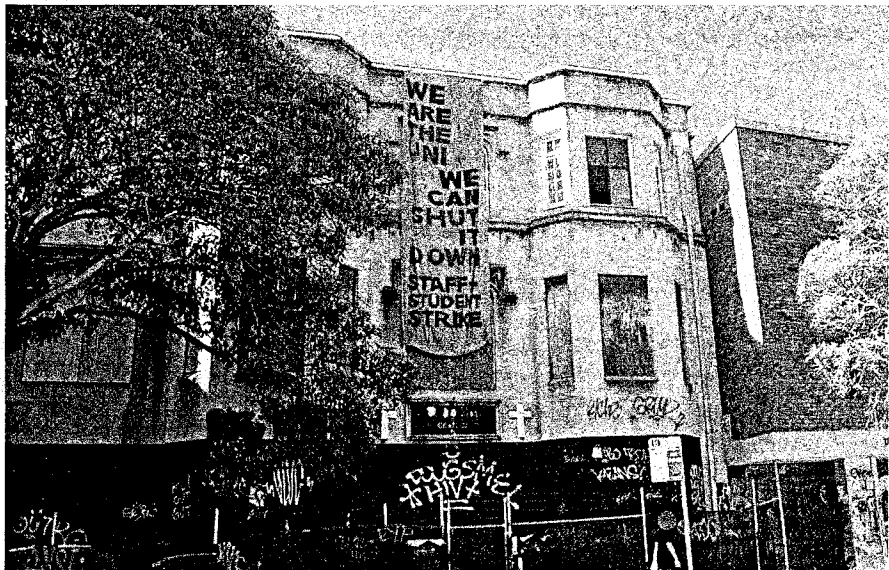
USYD has been called for March 27-29, where we intend to make our presence felt and do whatever we can to disrupt the functioning of uni.

Our fight is for control of the university, not for control of the mechanism of the degree factory but for their abolition. We are in struggle to take over the physical space of the university, not just for the use of the relatively privileged staff and students, but to transform it into a communal space for all. We wish to establish a physical territory liberated from cops and commerce, a free space from which to wage attacks on the institutions and representatives of capital that surround it.

While some may mock this goal as unrealistic, we see it a mere first step. A free university under capitalism is like a reading room in a prison. We seek the complete destruction of capitalism and every social relationship that facilitates its reproduction. The university is a fundamental mechanism of the capitalist project, every year it produces qualified and disciplined workers for the mining, law and finance industries which suffocate our ability to live.

As Carlo Pisane eloquently stated in 1857 "We will not be free when we are educated, we will be educated when we are free." The abolition of the university is only a first step toward the abolition of capital.

As inspiration we look to the students rebels from France to Chile, Greece to Montreal who have made their campuses largely unsafe for police to venture. Using a variety of militant tactics including the barricading major roads, these young comrades



have managed to consistently disrupt (if only temporarily) the functioning of the economy and create living alternatives to the life of wage slavery that is offered to us.

Fuck their degrees, decrees and masters, and everything their world has to offer. We want nothing less than everything.

*On September 16, 2011, after the church broke off negotiations over a hundred riot police invaded the uni grounds, shutting down half of the campus for an entire day. After an 8 hour eviction, seven squatters were arrested, though the idiot pigs with their dogs failed to find another 10 who hid inside the ceiling, and who left the building safely once the forces of law and order had retreated.

SYDNEY: QUEERS AGAINST COPS RESPOND TO ATTACKS

9.3.13

Following the 2013 Mardi Gras parade (the corporate gaysstream shadow of a radical and militant queer protest in 1978) a video was released online that showed a young shirtless man being choked by a police officer, then slammed headfirst into the pavement while handcuffed.

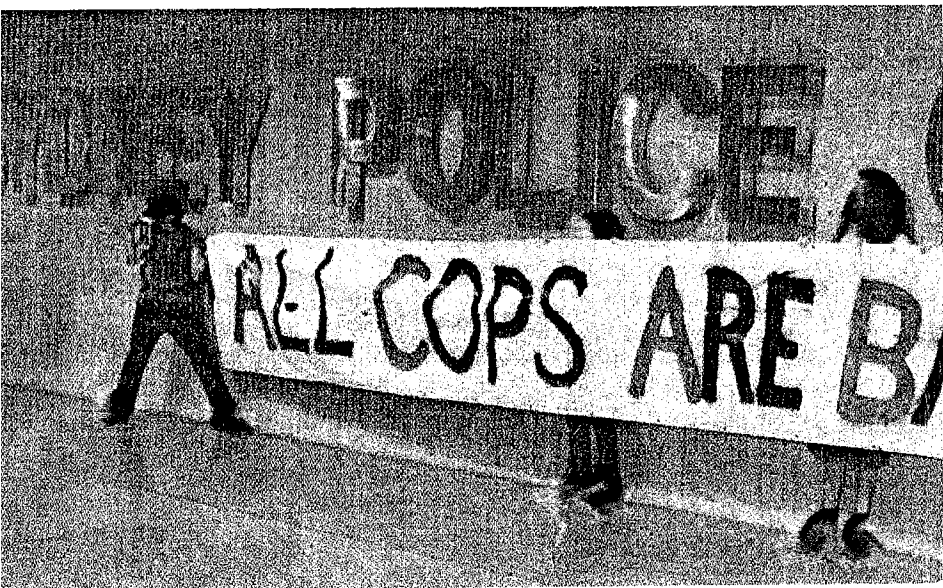
Outrage quickly spread across the Queer community and far beyond. Within two days, Community Action Against Homophobia (CAAH) called for a demonstration against police brutality on Friday 8th of March. The rally was to gather at 6pm Taylor square, then to march to Surrey Hills

cop shop then back.

Dozens of anarchists and anti authoritarians attended, some came dressed as mock riot cops while others brought about a thousand copies of 6 different leaflets and three large banners reading "NO JUSTICE NO PEACE FUCK THE POLICE" "ALL COPS ARE BASTARDS" and "GAY BASHING IS A NSW POLICE TRADITION". Throughout the demo the large banners were used to protect demonstrators from police harassment. As we marched from Taylor square to Surrey Hills police station, two banners were used to flank the side of the demo, creating a barrier between the line of riot police and the crowd. The other large banner was used to create a physical separation between protesters and the line of police horses and arrest vehicles which tailed the end of the rally.

Those carrying that banner marched far slower than the rest of the crowd, and were able to create a large gap between police horses and the demonstration. We have attended many demos in the past where police horses are used to intimidate and harass those at the back of a demo, and to force those marching to hurry up.

Once the crowd arrived at Surrey Hills cop shop, we tied our banner reading "GAY BASHING IS A NSW POLICE TRADITION" from the balcony of the massive pig centre, while some queers held the ACAB banner by the entrance to the cop shop, and the FUCK THE POLICE banner was used to block police horses and their arrest vehicles on Pelican St, and prevent them from coming down onto Goulburn



St to where the rally was being held.

While speeches were being made, some of us distributed boxes of chalk throughout the crowd, and a few of us wrote a bunch of anti-police slogans on the steps, balcony floor and across the outside walls of the police station. Once the demo started moving again a group of us stayed behind and used a banner to block police horses and their vehicles from following the demo back to Taylor square.

After years of attending fairly small demonstrations against police brutality, we were extremely pleased to see cops cowering inside their concrete fortress while thousands of angry queers and activists chanted against police violence. Hundreds of people thanked us for the leaflets, and for having the courage to carry those banners and keep the horses away. Dozens posed for photos in front of our banners and many people we'd never met asked if they could hold them alongside us.

This text has been written as a response to a small, but very vocal minority at the demo who aggressively opposed our messages and our stance towards the police. Some of them harassed, threatened and abused us, telling us to put our banners away, others ordered us to remove the masks a couple of us were wearing, and one man even kicked our banner and attempted to pull it away from us. Unsurprisingly, the only protesters who confronted us were white, middle aged, cis gendered males. Some of them accused us "not really being a part of the gay community".

Almost every anarchist and anti authoritarian who handed out leaflets, wore mock police uniforms, held our banners and yelled "fuck the police" instead of the official "stop violent police" chant, was either bi, poly, trans, queer or a poc. If the "gay community" is just for police loving, middle class white men then fuck that community.

We have no interest in repressing our rage towards those that harass, abuse and incarcerate us and our loved ones out of some bullshit attempt to look tame, safe, and acceptable for the corporate media and straight colonial Australia. We are not gay as in happy but queer as in fuck you.

We found it quite amazing that anyone would be speaking in favour of police at a rally against police brutality. Some of these idiots even told us that "this is only about officer 266, not all cops" or "we're only here because of one bad officer" or "the police are here to protect us, what would we do without them?" One woman tried to delegitimise our message by taking the microphone and saying "I want to remind everyone here that this protest is not against the NSW police force, we're fighting against police brutality, just one bad apple, officer 266 has a lot of questions to answer, but there are a lot of good cops out there, and we wouldn't be where we are today without them"

In response we say fuck you; it's not about one bad apple, or one single instance of police brutality. Police violence is endemic in the culture and institution of the force and they certainly do not protect us queers. Police are ultimately responsible





for upholding property laws that favour rich and often white businessman and professionals. Every day cops fill the prisons with the poor and marginalised sections of the population. While indigenous people they make up 2.3% of the Australian population, they make up about 30% of the NSW and national prison population. In the NT indigenous people make up over 80% of the prison population.

One in 4 homeless youth are queer and many engage in illegal sex work to survive. As such they are systematically targeted and repressed by police and property laws. Following the Friday demo one young homeless queer, accused of swearing at the pigs was arrested, detained and charged with 'failure to comply with a police direction' 'offensive behaviour' and 'offensive language'.

The reigning status quo and the illusion of social peace is upheld by a constant war on the poor. The ever militarised police act as frontline troops against the nation's internal enemies, that surplus population that exists without a stake in the market, those who fill the queues in Centrelink and outside charity vans, who live in parks, housing commissions and prison cells.

Anyone who does not have the resources to afford housing or food under capitalism will resort to theft to survive. This survival becomes a criminal offence, an offence for which they will be hunted and incarcerated by the forces of law and order. Any resistance to this oppression will result in being beaten, sprayed, tasered or shot by any and all cops.

Despite what many of the speakers claimed on Friday, the behaviour of officer 266 was not at all out of the ordinary, police violence is business as usual, especially whenever someone fights back.

Anyone who physically challenges the police and is captured is not merely restrained, for police officers it is important to punish that individual, to set an example that no resistance will be tolerated, to reinforce who is in control. The brutalising of Jaime was only significant in that the officer punished a far smaller individual in a large crowd that was filming him. Police usually just twist arms and wrists into unbearable positions while shouting stop resisting louder then you can scream. Often they will wait though, till they have taken you away from onlookers, or pushed onlookers away, often in a police station room without cameras, when they know they can beat you with impunity.

Recent studies and reports by the beat project (www.beatproject.org.au) show that a majority of homophobic violence is not reported :

"Prejudice motivated (homophobic) violence toward the GLBTIQ community continues to be a problem and most incidents will go unreported, especially in regional areas where there are fewer social avenues for men to meet and greater opportunity of violence. Much of this violence is the result of homophobia and community prejudices, and reinforces the shame and stigma often associated with being homosexual.

We are also aware of numerous assaults that were not reported to the police for a variety of reasons,

and we were even requested not to report incidents to police by innocent men for fear of retribution by police and further targeting at one location.

Many men have indicated they are reluctant to report homophobic violence due to:

- Previous negative experiences with officers when patrolling beats.
- Fear of retribution from homophobic vigilantes
- Fear of reprisals and further intimidation by police
- Lack of trust in 'police and the NSW Justice System.

We have also identified numerous incidents of highly questionable behaviour by officers and a systemic failure to adequately address homophobic violence, particularly in regional areas where:

- Officers have not recorded incidents of homophobic violence when reported.
- Officers searching men for condoms, the use of excessive force, the use of homophobic and derogatory comments, failing to identify themselves when requested.
- Officers engaging in entrapment techniques.
- Officers recording vehicle registrations, then visiting men at their homes.
- Officers telling men they're on the 'Sex Offenders Register'
- NSW Police, Crime Stoppers and local councils have also installed signage that incite the vilification of gay men and re-enforce the misplaced paedophile stereotype."

As to what we would do without police, we

believe passionately in the creation of intentional and autonomous communities or communes as liberating alternatives to life under capital and indeed we believe that if such a community is to survive it must be defended. A commune must be safe space for its members or it must not exist. We do not look toward some imaginary world where all human beings will live in complete harmony, where no one will show aggression toward one another, nor do we believe we can travel to some far away location to escape from the violence of the rest of society.

We encourage those who set out to create autonomous communities to train themselves in individual and collective self defence and to have the necessary tools at hand to confront violence from outside but also from within the community when the need arises.

Despite our dreams, we do not believe police will be abolished tomorrow, to drive the police of the streets requires a mass movement of people who are sick of being policed, far more people than were at the demo yesterday.

Any growing anti-police and anti state movement that can hold territory will need to automatically take over the roles of physical protection and justice or people will demand a return to state policing.

It is important to recognise that most people are currently in prison for financially driven crimes. Not white-collar crimes, but crimes that stem from trying to overcome poverty or survive capitalism. Drug-related crimes have been at the forefront of



the growing prison population and while there are occasional exceptions, the majority of those imprisoned for drug-related crimes are from a lower class upbringing. The current war between bikie gangs, is a war for control of underground drug markets, markets that only exist because of the criminalisation of drugs.

Bank robberies, grand theft auto, prostitution, or shoplifting are a few other examples of criminalised professions that stem from the struggle to overcome the poverty of capitalism.

We believe in equality between all people, not equality before the law. As Anatole France said in 1894, "In its majestic equality, the law forbids rich and poor alike to sleep under bridges, beg in the streets and steal loaves of bread."

We believe in a world without class divisions, police or private property. As the vast majority of crime stems from poverty, the abolition of property from a territory would both also abolish property crime and most anti social crime.

The remaining anti-social violence, particularly oppressive violence directed at queers and women should be opposed by armed and self-organised queer and women's militias. Punishments for oppressive and violent actions such as rape and murder should be decided by the affected community. While we strongly believe in restorative justice and the chances of rehabilitation for violent individuals, we still do not oppose punitive, violent, or capital punishments for those individuals that a community (collectively) decides have committed a grave and unforgivable offence, though we always oppose incarceration.

We view those that aggressively attempted to silence us, like all queer bashers and cops, as a physical force that desires to police us into assimilation, they are a force that must be opposed by any means necessary.

Quite disappointingly, a few people attributed our banners to the two small Leninist sects; Socialist Alternative and Socialist Alliance that attended the rally with big banners bearing their logo and website address (their usual practice). These authoritarian sects have nothing to do with us or our politics of liberation, and have since attacked us and our banners over the internet (collaborationist media statements condemning revolutionaries facing repression is also a common practice by both groups). Their attendance and attempt at co-opting a queer demo is particularly hypocritical while they proudly praise Evo Morales, the openly homophobic 'socialist' president of Bolivia.*

On this territory the only visible queer political

'movement' is sadly the campaign for marriage equality. We have no part in that conservative, assimilationist struggle that legitimises the oppressive and patriarchal institution of marriage. We have no interest in promoting or reproducing monogamy or the nuclear family and refuse to reduce our relationships of love and affinity to state registered financial agreements.

We would have written this response sooner but many of us were busy today preparing for and attending the international women's day march. Unfortunately, very few queers who'd attended Friday's demo bothered to support the demonstration for women's struggle the very next day.

It has become disappointingly apparent to us that the majority of Sydney's 'gay community' are not interested in supporting struggles outside of what they conceive to be their very narrow self interests. There were 5 demonstrations against police brutality last year in Sydney, all organised by the Indigenous Social Justice Association (ISJA).

Sadly these demonstrations never exceed a couple hundred people, often less than a hundred. While queer anarchists attended and promoted every single one of these events, the turnout from the mainstream queer community was almost nonexistent. The difference at the demo on Friday was that the abused young man was white, and the abuse happened at Mardi Gras. Following the more brutal police shooting and bashing of wounded Koori teenagers in Kings Cross in April last year, ISJA called an immediate demonstration which was attended by a couple hundred people from the aboriginal community, a couple dozen angry teenagers, and activists, but none of the thousand odd queers who descended on Surrey Hills police station on Friday.

ISJA is currently mounting a campaign around the death in custody of aboriginal trans woman Veronica Baxter who died in Silverwater, a male prison in 2011. They have called for a demonstration on the 21st of March and are demanding justice and independent inquiry into her death, and an end to the brutal police harassment, abuse and murder of aboriginal people in police and prison custody across the country. We shall see how many people from the mainstream 'gay community' feel this is worth their time or their support.

We are freedom loving, cop hating queer hooligans who've had enough of police oppression. Police violence is business as usual and if we seek to actually put an end to it, we must be willing to respond in kind. The only thing that could be described as justice in this twisted society, is the

revenge of the oppressed and our justice will be found in the streets, not in any courtroom or external police investigation.

QUEERS REVOLT
FUCK QUEER ASSIMILATION
FUCK THE POLICE

*Evo Morales who is constantly championed by Socialist Alliance as some kind of 'hero' (quite bizarrely) told an environmental congress in 2010 that homosexuality is a Western disease not native to Latin America, and it is caused by female hormones injected into chickens. "when men eat these chickens they undergo deviations from their masculine being."

DOOMADGEE: CROWD SMASHES POLICE
STATION AFTER MAN ARRESTED

10.3.13

Police say just before midnight on Saturday March 2, local officers in Doomadgee, a remote community in north-west Queensland, attended a large disturbance where police allege a man smashed a torch into a female officer's face, breaking her nose.

The man was arrested and taken to the police watch house.

Police say later that night a large crowd fronted at the local police station and smashed its front doors. Police reinforcements were sent to the town over the weekend.

On March 7 a few hundred residents staged a peaceful protest.

Community spokesman Alec Doomadgee said

the extra police, have heightened the community's sense of fear. "There's no respect for leadership in the community from the coppers, the police, at all — they've been in mediation the last day or so and still nothing has been resolved," he said.

A 52-year-old man appeared in the Doomadgee Magistrates Court over charges relating to the assault of a female police officer. He was released on conditional bail and is due to appear in court again in early May.

A 16-year-old boy and 20-year-old man, both from Nicholson, were charged with the wilful damage of police property.

MELBOURNE: SOLIDARITY WITH FELICITY RYDER

20.3.13

In response to the call out for solidarity with fugitive comrade Felicity Ryder some rabble rousers from Melbourne made some fun around town in the last week.

Our first target was CCTV cameras that abounds in this and every other yucky city in the world. We disabled, collected and removed at least 11.

A metro train was painted a flamboyant rainbow of colours from one end to the other. The trains are ours (everyone's!) and we'll do with them what we like - paint, sabotage, fare evade, fuck up.

A luxury car yard had upwards of a dozen cars severely damaged when given a makeover in baby blue. Fuck the wealthy and their status symbols.

Felicity lives in our hearts and minds daily.

Much love and solidarity sister.



SYDNEY: SOLIDARITY WITH THE MARACANA VILLAGE

22.3.13

On Friday the 22 of March, Brazilian riot police evicted dozens of indigenous squatters from an abandoned museum in the centre of Rio. For over a decade indigenous people from across the territory had occupied the large building and the surrounding area, renaming it the 'Macanara Village' as it sits besides the large Maracana football stadium.

As a minimal token of our solidarity and complicity with those who defended the village, some anarchists in Sydney entered a large office building on Clarence St (which houses the Brazilian consulate) on Tuesday March 26 and dropped a banner from a balcony on the second level which read:

"SOLIDARITY WITH INDIGENOUS LAND STRUGGLES", "LONG LIVE THE MARACANA VILLAGE"

For over a decade indigenous people have been living in the Maricana Village and used it as a safe place to stay when they came to Rio to pursue an education, sell crafts in the streets or get medical treatment. Tukano, who is from a village deep in the Amazon said that indigenous people "would come here without money, without knowing anyone, and sleep here... We made this our space."

The streets around the stadium are now undergoing a rapid and brutal gentrification process, to make the area a shopping and sports entertainment hub, complete with large parking lots. A favela where hundreds of poor locals lived has already been demolished to make way for new developments around the stadium.

The governor of Rio de Janeiro, Sergio Cabral, told a news conference in October that the building's razing is necessary for hosting the World Cup.

"The Indian Museum near the Maracana will be demolished," Cabral said then. "It's being demanded by FIFA and the World Cup Organizing Committee. Long live democracy, but the building has no historical value. We're going to tear it down."

From the massacres of rebellious students by Mexican soldiers before the 1968 games, to the eviction of the poor and street vendors in Durban South Africa 2010 (also at the request of FIFA), everywhere the Olympics or World Cup go, the local government paves their way with repression and gentrification.

The games and the cup are used by business and political elites as a celebration of unifying nationalism; rallying 'the people' around the national

flag, the state, and the corporate sponsors. The 'sport heroes' whose images we are told to idolise can often be seen hugging politicians and selling us everything from toothpaste to health insurance. We reject and detest these choreographed carnivals of capital, constructed to hide the brutal reality behind these sporting 'celebrations'.

In Sydney also, behind the triumphant jingoistic facade of the 2000 Olympics and the state funded ad campaigns, large squatted social centres were evicted, homeless people were expelled from the city centre, police were granted new 'move-on' powers, and rent prices rapidly increased. These events are not anomalies, but are reproduced (with different degrees of intensity) every few years.

In response to daily the onslaught of capital, we must work toward mass, communal occupations that can liberate territory from the forces of speculation and state order.

**FOR THE DEFENCE OF LIBERATED TERRITORY
AGAINST FIFA AND ITS WORLD
ABOLISH THE IOC**

MELBOURNE: ASIO REJECTED REFUGEES BEGIN MASS HUNGER STRIKE

8.4.13

Message from the ASIO rejected refugees:

We are 29 people here at Melbourne Immigration Transit Accommodation (25 Tamils, 2 Burmese and 2 Iranian) and 56 people all over the Australian detention. We have been here for four years and more. We cannot tolerate it any longer. We need to be released to save our lives.

At 2 a.m. today (Monday, April 8, 2013) we began a hunger strike together. All 30 of us plan to keep doing this until there is solution, one way or the other.

We will gather together in the grounds of the detention centre and stay there until we get a solution. If the Australian Government does not release us, we ask that they kill us mercifully.

We have painted banners as part of our protest. There is one that shows many people hanging. That is what we want to happen to us if we are not released. for life here. People in here are jumping off roofs, they are going on hunger strikes, they are taking tablets, they are trying to hang themselves...It is a cruel and inhumane environment for everyone.

We plead with you, the Australian people, to help us. We are on the edge of life and don't know how much longer we can stand it. We ask Prime Minister Gillard, Immigration Minister O'Connor, Attorney-General Mark Dreyfus, Opposition leader Abbott

and ASIO director David Irvine to stop this torture of all of us..... of men, women and children, who have done nothing to warrant this cruel treatment that is destroying our minds.

We ask the authorities: You say we are a threat to this nation. So if we are such people why have they now put women and children and families in here with us? We are willing to be released into the community under strict orders if they think we are threats, which we aren't. But whatever they want we will do. But we can't keep living like this. We are not in detention. We are in a cemetery.

We don't want to die. We left Sri Lanka, Burmese and Iran because we fear to die. We came to Australia to live, not die. But death would be better than the life we have.

Signed,

All ASIO refugees-Australia.

SYDNEY: LASER POINTER SHONE AT POLICE HELICOPTER

14.4.13

PolAir4 was conducting air patrols of Sydney's west about 12.30am when a laser pointer was allegedly shone at the crew from a car in Hebersham.

The chopper crew alerted Mt Druitt Police, who were patrolling nearby, and they intercepted a Hyundai Elantra on Hyatts Road at Plumpton.

A 19-year-old man sitting in the passenger's seat was arrested and a laser pointer seized.

MELBOURNE: RIOT AT ANARCHIST SOLIDARITY PARTY AND REAL ESTATE AGENT SMASHED

26.4.13

On the evening of Friday 26th of April, cops raided a solidarity party for anarchist prisoners at a squatted warehouse in Clifton Hill. Upon entry the pigs were immediately pelted with bottles and forced to retreat. However backup was called, and shortly after the warehouse was surrounded by riot squad, regular cops, and dogs. The occupants were forced out of the building and on to the street where the cops were attacked a second time with bottles, rocks, and other projectiles while the party goers chanted "A.C.A.B!"

A police radio was stolen and used to taunt and verbally abuse the bastards. The cops responded with baton charges, pepper spray, and mauling people with their dogs. At this point the revellers disappeared into the night to party elsewhere. Many were heard to comment "best party ever!"

As a response to this police attack, and as an act of solidarity with this small rupture and an attempt to broaden its horizons we went to North Fitzroy and smashed up a real estate agent.

We also express our solidarity and warm regards to anarchist Felicity Ryder who is still on the run, and to Jack Palfreeman, antifascist prisoner in Bulgaria.

ACAB

- Corey Delaney Brigade



ROUND-UP OF WEEKS OF SOLIDARITY WITH FELICITY RYDER

CALL FOR ACTIONS IN SOLIDARITY WITH FUGITIVE COMRADE FELICITY RYDER

A call for two weeks in solidarity (February 21st - March 7th) with Felicity Ann Ryder, an anarchist comrade on the run.

Greetings in Solidarity to all anti-authoritarian hearts who read this wherever they may be. To everyone who, with conviction and strength, combat, in whatever manner they see fit, every institution and symbol of the apparatus of capitalist patriarchy, oppression, domestication and the farce of power.

Comrades, we put this call out from inside of the beast to howl our solidarity with our sister and comrade Felicity Ann Ryder, who remains fugitive from the claws of the state after more than 7 months. In the early hours of June 27th, 2012 an unfortunate event occurred: an explosive device detonated leaving our comrade Mario "Tripa" López injured (and behind bars for 6 months). Mario is now "free" on Conditional Release and has an ongoing case against him. After police and government forces found Felicity's passport, and facing the risk of also being put in jail, our comrade began life as a fugitive.

Since then we know that there has been constant harassment of her relatives in her country of birth (Australia) as well as throughout the so-called social networks. It is also possible that more investigations have been opened in other countries attempting to tie together various action oriented anarchist cells.

This all forms part of a frame-up instigated by police forces on an international level that is used to attack the anarchist movement using fear and terror in an attempt (unsuccessfully) to immobilize us.

We understand the difficult situation that Felicity must be facing after all these months. Living clandestinely, despite being a better option than the cold bars and cynicism of a jail cell, also becomes a form of prison in that it stands in the way of enjoying full liberty because of the constant threat of possible detention. This situation brings many difficulties in terms of mobility, for self-sufficiency, and struggle; isolation and distance from loved ones and the abandoning of life plans.

Clandestine life as a necessity, and not as a privilege of an authoritarian vanguard, also requires our solidarity. The obligation of our comrades to constantly be on the run, pushed underground and forced to dig their way to liberty, deserves our support.

Living clandestinely does not afford the same support, material and emotional, that a comrade in prison receives from the outside. We know that wherever our comrade Felicity may be, she stands firm in her convictions as an anarchist, she laughs at the enemy while continuing to attack them, face to face.

From here we send a warm greeting and call on all of our forces as anti-authoritarians to participate in two weeks of activities, greetings, and gestures in solidarity with our comrade Felicity from the 21st of February until March 7th, to take the form that one

sees fit, so Felicity knows that she is not alone and that solidarity between anarchists in struggle is not merely a written word, or a phrase used to adorn pretty "revolutionary" pamphlets.

For us solidarity is a weapon that destroys power. We also wish to remember that there are other comrades living as fugitives like Hans Niemeyer, persecuted by the Chilean State, as well as Grigoris Tsironis, Marios Seisidis, Vassilis Palaiokostas, Nikos Maziotis and Pola Roupia from Greece.

No Remorse, No Defeat!!!!

Free and Wild, Felicity is with us!!!

Comrade, you are not alone!!!! Many of us follow you in struggle and embrace your convictions!!

Freedom to all prisoners of the social war!

ARGENTINA: MURAL PAINTED IN BUENOS AIRES IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE FUGITIVE COMPA FELICITY

14.3.13

"I am proud of being an anarchist, of being an enemy of power, authority, and the state."

— Felicity Ann Ryder

From the painters:

During the week of solidarity with Felicity Ryder, we painted a mural as a gesture of affection for her and for all the rebels who are in confrontation from clandestinity and anonymity.

We also greet the compañero Diego Ríos.

We are everywhere.

MELBOURNE: SOLIDARITY WITH FELICITY RYDER

20.3.13

In response to the call out for solidarity with fugitive comrade Felicity Ryder some rabble rousers from Melbourne made some fun around town in the last week.

Our first target was CCTV cameras that abounds in this and every other yucky city in the world. We disabled, collected and removed at least 11.

A metro train was painted a flamboyant rainbow of colours from one end to the other. The trains are ours (everyone's!) and we'll do with them what we like - paint, sabotage, fare evade, fuck up.

A luxury car yard had upwards of a dozen cars severely damaged when given a makeover in baby blue. Fuck the wealthy and their status symbols.

Felicity lives in our hearts and minds daily.

Much love and solidarity sister.

ACTION AND STATEMENT IN SOLIDARITY WITH ANARCHIST FELICITY RYDER

From deep within the belly of the beast we howl our solidarity with our wild sister & comrade, Felicity Ryder. Love, some comrades.

On a wet and cold night we ventured out with paint cans in our pockets and the fierce desire for a free world in our hearts. On this dark winter's night, our burning hatred for this mechanized undead system, which seeks our total exploitation from the moment we emerge from out of the womb and into the hospital (our first institution) to the moment of our





last breath, lit our way through the streets.

We know that the last 7 months must have been far from easy for you compañera, and we can only imagine that the challenges of clandestinity have required immense patience and strength from you.

However, even through the obscuring veil of clandestinity, you remain ever present in our minds, and we stand in irrepressible solidarity with you. As we stand in unbending solidarity with all comrades who fearlessly stand up, face to face with the enemy. So with much revolutionary love we send you our warmest greetings, as well as to all comrades who stand strong in their convictions under immense pressure. You are not alone, we stand beside you.

For all the snarling of this tired system; the various international operations of repression, the incarceration of our comrades, the mass attacks on liberated spaces, as well as the attempts to harass your comrades & family (as we have read), is part of a failed attempt to paralyze us with fear and panic. An attempt that will never succeed. Because our resistance and our passion for freedom is stronger than their prison cells. And it is stronger than their cowardly harassment and attacks on all those who dare to raise their head and stare it in the eye, in struggle and in defiance. Anarchists and anti-authoritarians are targeted, as all who resist are, because we pose a threat to their vapid, rancid system of exploitation. And we shall remain a rebellious threat against the existent deadening order.

So, with much love, affection and respect we

salute your strength and resistance. Whatever may come, you have our solidarity as we continue to stand shoulder to shoulder with you in the struggle against tyranny, oppression and the cowardice of Power. For we recognize in you a wild desire for freedom that reflects our own struggles for liberation against a brutal and joyless system.

We stand firmly in solidarity with you compañera. We share this struggle with you and we send warm revolutionary hugs to you, wherever you may be.

Solidarity is our weapon against the enemy and the soil from which our liberation blossoms.

We send our rebel greetings also to all anarchist fighters both in and outside the cages, and to all comrades on the run.

HOBART: POLICE HEADQUARTERS VANDALISED IN SOLIDARITY WITH FELICITY RYDER

A week or so ago Tasmania Police Headquarters, in Hobart, was "re-decorated".

On the windows and around the building, the following message was sprayed:

"Cops R Dicks - Love U Flick. Until the last bank, prison & cop r burnt to ashes x x x Con amor y solidarid - A.C.A.B. - F.T.T.P."

This was done in solidarity with our friend and comrade Felicity Ryder as well as our comrade Mario Lopez. Like fire our rage must spread...

MELBOURNE: RIOT AT ANARCHIST SOLIDARITY PARTY AND REAL ESTATE AGENT SMASHED

26.4.13

On the evening of Friday 26th of April, cops raided a solidarity party for anarchist prisoners at a squatted warehouse in Clifton Hill. Upon entry the pigs were immediately pelted with bottles and forced to retreat. However backup was called, and shortly after the warehouse was surrounded by riot squad, regular cops, and dogs. The occupants were forced out of the building and on to the street where the cops were attacked a second time with bottles, rocks, and other projectiles while the party goers chanted "A.C.A.B!"

A police radio was stolen and used to taunt and verbally abuse the bastards. The cops responded with baton charges, pepper spray, and mauling people with their dogs. At this point the revellers disappeared into the night to party elsewhere. Many were heard to comment "best party ever!"

As a response to this police attack, and as an act of solidarity with this small rupture and an attempt to broaden its horizons we went to North Fitzroy and smashed up a real estate agent.

We also express our solidarity and warm regards to anarchist Felicity Ryder who is still on the run, and to Jack Palfreeman, antifascist prisoner in Bulgaria.

ACAB

- Corey Delaney Brigade

SIN BANDERAS NI FRONTERAS: WORDS FOR FELICITY RYDER, ANARCHIST FUGITIVE FROM POWER, AND REFLECTIONS ON CLANDESTINITY

March 2013

Nearly two years ago now, we diffused a text in solidarity with antiauthoritarian comrade Diego Rios, who has been underground since 2009 (because of the arrest warrant issued against him when his mother reported that he had stored material to manufacture explosives in a house she owned). At that time, we shared some reflections about the particularities of clandestinity for antiauthoritarian and anarchist comrades. A similar effort was made three years ago by comrades who wrote and edited the book *Al Acecho* (Lying in Wait); it was rooted in Diego Rios' case as well, and to us, it was the first text originating in Chile to address themes of clandestinity from an antiauthoritarian perspective based on a specific case. Other texts, such as the book *Incógnito* and the communiqués from comrade Gabriela Curilem also address anarchist/antiauthoritarian comrades' experiences of clandestinity, a theme that seems to be infrequently discussed in these parts.

Thus, we have already shared the idea of greeting our fugitive comrades and saluting their decision to struggle and evade prison, one more action against the attempts of Power to capture those who combat it.

Today, we want to send special greetings to fugitive anarchist Felicity Ann Ryder, in accordance with the call from anonymous comrades for days of



"In these difficult moments it means a lot to have people standing in solidarity from near or from far, even without ever having met me... Long live Anarchy!"

• Letter of comrade Felicity Ryder from somewhere outside the cages, July 2012

solidarity from February 21st to March 7th, 2013. We'd like to salute our comrade and let loose a few ideas about clandestinity, the fruits of individual and collective learning as we are sharpening our positions on the permanent stage of social war, with the hope of enriching our antiauthoritarian praxis.

May forgetfulness and silence never devour our comrades...

"What is certain is that too often comrades are alone, and suffer a series of blows to the face; too often these comrades don't have enough to eat, they wander with nowhere to sleep and find themselves in complete solitude, with demons at their backs. Oftentimes our brothers and sisters don't have anyone to talk to, clothes to change into, or anyone with whom to discuss their position; oftentimes they are defamed without the ability to defend themselves, and the silence that surrounds them is only broken by the echoes of slurs. And this occurs because instead of rolling up their sleeves, doing work, creating and uniting wills, some prefer to follow blindly or destroy themselves with fear. As long as one forgets the role each of us plays and the vital importance of concrete gestures, forgetfulness will continue to consume our comrades who have been kidnapped or wounded, who have fled or gone underground."

• The Black Seed of Our Convictions. Words of comrade Gabriela Curilem from underground, August 2011

"But this is not a complaint, nor is it a list of sorrows; it is an attempt to contribute to the discussion and the interchange of experiences, so that anyone may get a behind the scenes glimpse of a topic that seems rarely discussed. Vindication in my opinion doesn't pass through clandestinity—which may end at any moment—but rather through the decision to fight, forever, until the end. Whatever happens, even if it takes the rest of our lives."

• Unfolding the Wings. Reflections of comrade Gabriela Curilem from underground, November 2010

Right now, in the territory that is called Chile, we have a few examples of comrades who have gone underground and written about it as a decision of struggle against the persecution of the powerful. These are the case of antiauthoritarian comrade Diego Rios, comrade Hans Niemeyer, and comrade Gabriela Curilem (who came back above ground in 2012), the comrades Juan Aliste and Marcelo Villarroel (currently incarcerated and accused of robbing a bank and murdering a cop). As well as these, the repressive apparatuses of the powerful have not been able to find or incarcerate the anonymous comrade who accompanied Punky Mauri (killed in action in 2009), or the person who accompanied Tortuga (now on the streets but with restrictive measures) after the accident when the bomb he was placing at a bank exploded in 2011.

For our part, when we have reflected together with other comrades about the clandestinity of antiauthoritarian comrades, we have centered our analysis on the differences from traditional forms of clandestinity that exist within hierarchical and centralized revolutionary organizations, and the need for our own/autonomous methods in our multi-form struggle against Power.

Today, we want to add to the debate a few important necessities and challenges when addressing the clandestinity of comrades—whether we know them or not, whether we have direct contact with those who support them directly or indirectly, since all of these things are secondary when the link is a comradeship forged in the decision to struggle against authority...

One important need is to understand and salute a comrade's clandestinity as a personal decision to struggle, but not to idealize it as a superior form of confrontation, especially when this decision derives from the persecution of specific comrades for whom the enemy has issued arrest warrants, search and

capture orders, etc.

Another thing that we must consider is that the enemy usually publishes the images of our underground comrades in the mass media so that the citizenry will collaborate with their capture, and as such it's our responsibility—and an act of solidarity—to remove any photography of comrades who have gone underground from any anarchist information pages or other pieces of propaganda. In this we can provide an obstacle, if only a small one, to the enemy's hunt. We reiterate this especially because when the comrade Hans Niemeyer went underground a few months ago, some blogs in the antiauthoritarian milieu and other solidarians continued to insert his picture in news posts about the comrade or in propaganda material in solidarity with his situation.

Another important need is to be sure every day that goes by without the capture of our underground brothers and sisters is a day spent laughing in the face of the enemy, and an act of antiauthoritarian propaganda against their repressive machinery. But it's also true that on each of these days our compas may have thousands of needs, like the necessity not to feel alone after having separated from their loved ones and the people/animals close to them, or from certain projects and comrades. Thus, it is tremendously important that each of us use or create our own means to maintain ties of communication with our clandestine comrades, and make them present in the international interchange of experiences on the global stage of social war.

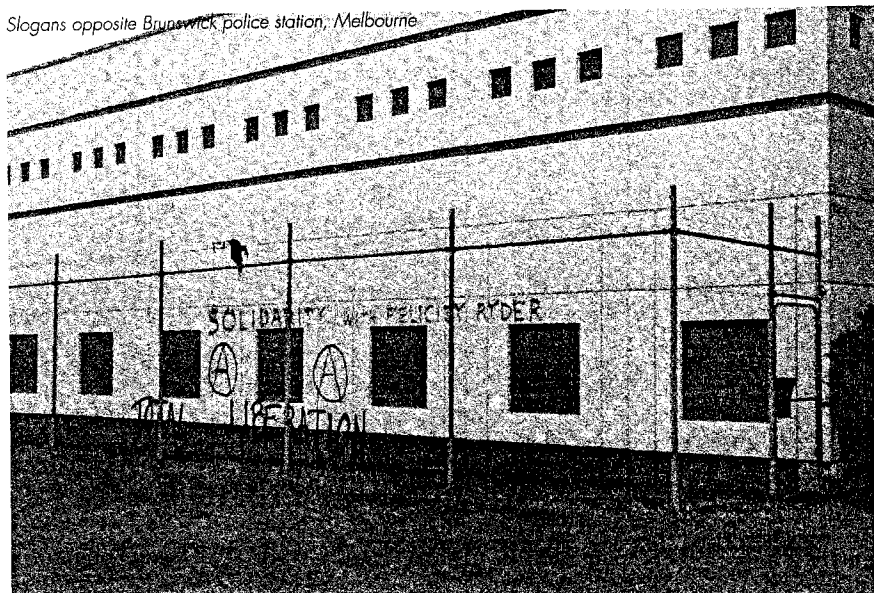
With salutations in propaganda and actions, or responses to their communiqués from underground, we can contribute enormously to make sure that the spirit of our brothers and sisters never fails, despite the obstacles in their way. We can contribute by generating channels of communication and feedback among comrades, rather than negating them or cutting them off, isolating our underground comrades even more.

Felicity Ryder, may the wind erase your tracks and protect you from the hunters.

Felicity decided to go underground after the detention of comrade Mario López, who was arrested in June of 2012 after being wounded while transporting an incendiary device that ignited at a time he was carrying Felicity's identification documents. Comrade Mario assumed responsibility for the action, indicating that she (his comrade) was only there at the moment when the device exploded, and that he considered having taken her documents with him to be an error. In the first days, the police and the Press lied that Felicity was detained, but a few weeks later she debunked their version and verified her transition underground, faced with the repressive persecution that was initiated against her.

Power's mass media also spread the news that Felicity had been in Chile, which helped feed the delusions of the Mexican authorities about a supposed/fictitious anarcho-insurreccionalist organization formed around the blog Liberación Total, with alleged bases in Chile and Mexico. Nothing but deliriums.

Slogans opposite Brunswick police station, Melbourne



Felicity's experience has similarities with cases of *compas* who were carrying out an action alongside other comrades who ended up dead, injured, and/or arrested, like the case of Mauricio Morales' anonymous companion; or Tortuga's comrade, who is also anonymous; and like the case of comrade Mike, in France, who was gravely injured while he was working on an explosive device with his slain comrade Zoé. There has been quite a lot of silence about this case from those close to them, but comrade Mike has recently issued a letter explaining his situation and appealing for solidarity. Strength and solidarity to Mike!

For her part, Felicity has written two communiqués, the latest of which served as a greeting to Mario López after his release from prison in December of 2012. Thus, we arrive at the week of solidarity with her, between February 21st and March 7th. We have wanted to make ourselves part of this call, deepening some ideas about the clandestinity of antiauthoritarian comrades, and inviting all comrades to discuss the theme and reflect on what to do in these situations, and to learn about and share experiences that can be spread. And in this debate, dear comrade Felicity, you also have much to contribute.

We hope that you are well; and don't stop writing to those of us who consider ourselves your comrades in the struggle against all authority.

We salute the comrades of Isla Tortuga squat (in Santiago, Chile) who organized an anti-prison dinner as part of the days of solidarity with Felicity Ryder; we send them our appreciation for keeping the flame of solidarity alive, and we hope that these initiatives multiply.

With the living memory of our Greek anarchist comrade Lambros Foundas, killed in action in March of 2010.

With Punky Mauri present in every word and action of the antiauthoritarian offensive.

In the days before March 29th, Day of Combatant Youth.

Social War, anarchy and rebellion against all authority!

Sin Banderas Ni Fronteras
(With neither flags nor borders)

*Antiauthoritarian cell for agitation
and written propaganda*

LETTER OF BRAULIO DURAN TO FELICITY RYDER

Felicity: Hello, *compañera*. First of all, I hope that you're doing well wherever you are. I know perfectly well this probably isn't the case, because of everything that has happened in this past period, referring to everything — physically, mentally, and much much deeper in your heart.

You know, I have just decided to write you this letter, and really I don't have the faintest idea what is pushing me. It's simply something deep within me that says do it and, well, I hope that one day you can read it and somehow you can feel my support. Perhaps I'm being compelled by solidarity, comradeship, friendship, I don't know, because I have never met you and I don't have the faintest idea who you are or what you like to do in your 'free' time. But, well, all that aside, here I am, *compañera*. I am with you in much more than in simple letters that can be read as 'beautiful'...

Comrade, I want to tell you, stay strong, and give everything your best. I know that no doubt what you're going through isn't easy, much less staying 'calm,' since there are times when all we can do is curse it all, but truthfully I wish you good spirits. Don't give up. I'm sure that you are a warrior and you will know how to support yourself, so you will overcome this situation, and when you least expect it, you will be a little calmer.

Truthfully I would like to tell you the best things to make you feel better, but I know that sometimes it isn't enough, and they can tell you a thousand things, but all the same they don't have any idea what struggle means, or any of the other things that can happen. But well, I do understand a little because I live it day to day since my kidnapping two years ago.

Strength, comrade, I say with total sincerity. Remember that all of this comes from fighting, for the most valuable thing a human can have — freedom. Most likely a thousand things are going through your head, from reproach, blame, and anger, to total existential collapse. But nobody is guilty of anything, since as you know, things are unpredictable. It's nothing; they're events of the moment, of time that is sometimes not in our hands. So, if these things are tearing up your life, what I can say to you is put fire to it all, and channel your energy only into more transcendent things, like love and struggle.

I imagine that being on the run is a very difficult situation, since the circumstances come to be against what we are and what we want, but sometimes it is necessary, and really it's true that this isn't about

cowardice, but rather action with pure intelligence and heart, because in the end it is about our own integrity, our own freedom as individuals.

These are so many things that, later, others won't even understand. But well, in the end we are the ones who are living it, so there's nothing to do but continue onward with your head held high and continue with our own convictions intact, and not just the ones put into words. But in the end, that's what there is.

Give it all you have, Felicity, and take care of yourself. Remember that you are not alone. There are many individuals who love you and admire you, but beyond that you have yourself, which is the most important thing, don't you forget it.

Certainly, I can tell you that I am with you, just as I am with comrade Mario, and although I have never met him in my life either, I feel much affinity with him, and in a way that unites us as comrades in struggle, as anti-authoritarian, libertarian individuals. Besides, I figure, if we don't help each other, then who will? Know that my support of you two is sincere and without hypocrisy, and also without a time limit, as often happens with several people who define themselves as libertarian or solidarian, and do things only when they're the ones in trouble. No, with me there's none of that shit. Within the limits of my position I am and will continue to be keeping up to date on everything. Take it as done.

And, well, for the moment I say goodbye, but not without first wishing you the best of vibes. I'm sending you a hug to wherever you are. Take care

and good luck in everything; remember that you are not alone.

We are all missing something; we are not all here, we the prisoners are missing!

Greetings to all who resist day by day, behind the barbed wire and in the streets, the fugitives and the sincere!

Greetings and green anarchy.

Braulio Duran

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CALL-OUT FOR INTERNATIONAL WEEK OF SOLIDARITY WITH JOCK PALFREEMAN 22.4 - 28.4

"We are urgently calling all anarchist, anti-fascist and other anti-authoritarian left wing groups to act in solidarity with Jock Palfreeman... Jock has already served several years of his 20 year sentence in Bulgaria. He actively works towards organising his fellow prisoners and highlights cases of repression by the prison authorities. He is one of the founders of the Bulgarian Prisoners Association. In the last few years, the response to his imprisonment and calls for solidarity with him from the anarchist and anti-fascist movement have been underwhelming. He needs more groups and individuals to join the campaign for his freedom. His family and some liberals have been organising support for him and trying to raise money for his fine; but Jock was always asking for a more direct kind of solidarity other than just politely asking the authorities to be nice. He needs people to not only constantly put pressure on the Bulgarian authorities in the form of letters and emails, but also organise demos and pickets outside embassies and/or any other Bulgarian institutions, generally spreading awareness about his case.

Please keep publishing information about Jock on your blogs, websites and social media. We hope you will all join the upcoming International Week of Solidarity with Jock Palfreeman on 22nd-28th April; and use your creativity and imagination to express solidarity."

Jock Palfreeman is an Australian who, on the 27th December 2007, on a night out in Sofia, Bulgaria; had the courage to stand up against a group of fascist hooligans. Witnessing the fascists chasing

and attacking two young Roma boys, Jock ran to the boys' aid. He did his best to keep the fascists at bay but they ended up turning on and attacking him. Left with nowhere to run, Jock had no choice but to defend himself. Andrey Monov, one of the racist gang, was stabbed and later died. Another, Anton Zahariev was injured. The Roma boys ran away. Jock has since been tried and sentenced for murder and attempted murder. He was sentenced to 20 years imprisonment and has been given a fine running into hundreds of thousands of dollars. Andrey Monov's father is well known in Bulgaria and at his funeral there were a mixture of judges, police and politicians. Jock's trial was (not surprisingly) a complete sham – yet another example of corruption, secret handshakes in the judicial system and media bias. The prosecution's case was built on the witness statements made by the other racists that were part of the attacking group, all claiming that Jock randomly attacked and chased them, with the intent of killing somebody. Key people and possible witnesses for Jock's defence were never interviewed by police and CCTV footage from the scene miraculously went missing. Many of the statements made at the time were different to the statements submitted to the court by the prosecution, while Jock's statement has remained consistent from the night in question.

You can read Jock's official statement at www.freejock.com. You can also watch a documentary about his case that contains interviews with Jock.

Jock appealed against his sentence and court hearings took place between October 2010

and January 2011. Despite some police officers confirming his version of events, despite one of the fascists making totally incoherent statements in court trying to explain why he changed his original testimony, despite mounting evidence of judicial errors during the initial trial and despite all other factors pointing to his innocence; his sentence of 20 years was upheld.

Jock has now lost all his appeals and the only way left for him, is to appeal to the European Court of Human Rights. He is also trying to secure his transfer to Australia to serve his sentence, which is proving difficult as the Bulgarian prosecution service is determined to keep him imprisoned in Bulgaria. Authorities refuse to even discuss his possible transfer until his fine is paid, effectively holding Jock to ransom. Jock's family is currently collecting necessary funds and you can donate by visiting www.freejock.com.

It is now more important than ever that we collectively put as much pressure on the Bulgarian authorities as possible to accept Jock's transfer to Australia. Between the 22nd and 28th of April 2013 there will be an International Week of Solidarity with Jock Palfreeman. We need to let Jock know that he is not alone in his struggle and that we are in it for the long run. Any solidarity actions can go a long way to assure that. He recently helped create the Bulgarian Association of Prisoners and because he is its Chairman, he suffers repression from the prison's administration, such as a recent refusal of computer access to continue his university education, which pushed Jock into a 30-day hunger-strike. Jock needs us to act and he needs our solidarity. The more creative the actions the better. Don't let the Bulgarian state bury this courageous man alive in prison! Don't let them think that they can get away with it!

Another important aspect is, especially for people in Australia, to keep the pressure on their government to do something for Jock's case. His case has been too quiet in his home country for far too long. It is time to change that!

Please write to Jock, even if it's only a 'good luck' postcard. Any letters and postcards will help to keep Jock's spirit up and feeling positive. All will be gratefully received. You can write to Jock at the following address:

Jock Palfreeman
Sofia Central Prison,
21 General Stoilev Boulevard,
Sofia 1309,
BULGARIA

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LETTER FROM JOCK PALFREEMAN

Australian Anti-fascist prisoner Jock PalFREEMAN, serving 20 years in Sofia/Bulgaria for defending two Roma boys from a racist mob, is on hungerstrike from 13th January 2013 because the Director of the Central Sofia Prison has ordered another punishment measure because of Jock's activist work as chairman of the Bulgarian Prisoner's Association. Due to this punishment Jock is now not allowed to finish his studies which is very important to him.

Jock's health is rapidly worsening as he continues his hunger strike and he is not even allowed to see a doctor as yet another repressive measure by the prison authorities.

He asks for solidarity from all of you by sending a letter to the Bulgarian Ministry of Justice. Please start putting pressure now before it's too late. Jock needs our support!

bulgarianprisonersassociation.wordpress.com

21.1.13

G-day guys! All at ABC-Brighton,

Well, first of all, the Director stopped me from my Uni degree! See I've been helping other prisoners, obviously part of the union and solidarity with fellow convicts. So to punish me, for my solidarity ie legal advice! the Director of the prison cut me off from the computers where I write my essays. It happened several days ago after 10 guards badly beat a prisoner with batons. I helped the prisoner get legal advice and explained to him the procedure for how

to instigate a criminal investigation into their attack. For that I'm being punished in that they are stopping me from my studies.

So on the 13/1/13 I started a hunger strike, I have not eaten since then, I am only drinking water drinks eg mint tea (without sugar) and normal water. I have lost a lot of weight in 9 days but I don't know how much as the prison refuses to send a doctor to me. I don't plan on stopping until I am returned to my studies, but I don't think this director will allow me, so prospects look dim! To help me, please send letters of complaint to:

Ministry of Justice,
Diana Kovacheva No. 1,
Slavanska Street,
Sofia 1040
BULGARIA

I recommend writing as individuals.

22.1.13

Hunger strike.... not happy, the worst is that I'm getting bad heart burn from my stomach acids!
Be good guys! Solidarity Comrade Jock PalFREEMAN

FURTHER INFO

LINKS

Disaccords

*Anarchist news blotter
following events in the
Asia-Pacific region.*

www.disaccords.wordpress.com

Anarchist News

*News, events,
shit-talking.*

www.anarchistnews.org

Contra-Info

*International translation
and counter-information
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www.contrainfo.espiv.net

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